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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the World Commission on Environment
and Development

FROM: The Secretary General

DATE: 1 September, 1986

RE: PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

1. Since the Canada Meeting, efforts within the Secretariat have been almost exclusively concentrated on drafting chapters of the Commission's Final Report.
2. Time has also been devoted to editing the Advisory Panel reports submitted to the Commission in Ottawa and preparing pre-publication copies of those for distribution to key governments, institutes, agencies and supporters.
3. Meetings and consultations with governments, institutes, NGO's and others have continued; and the Secretariat has been active in support of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and other Commissioners who have been and are in consultations with their and other governments.
4. Effort to secure additional funds for the Commission's work have also continued during this period. While our short term cash flow problem has eased, we are still nearly \$ 1.4 million short of the funds needed to complete our work. A full report on our fundraising efforts and the results to date will be provided to the Commission in Harare.

The Final Report

5. Shortly after the meeting in Canada and in light of the discussions which took place during that meeting, the Chairman and the Secretary General reviewed the process of drafting the Commission's final report. Following that review, the Chairman requested each of the Commissioners to take a hand in the preparation of given chapters of the report. Drafts of all chapters (other than Chapter 11 on International Economic Relations which was to be prepared by Commissioner Ramphal and Chapter 10 which is not yet ready to be drafted) were prepared by the Secretariat and circulated for review and comment to those Commissioners asked to participate in their formulation. These chapters have been revised in light of the comments received by the Commissioners and are before you for consideration at the meeting in Harare.
6. It must be said, however, that the response from the Commissioners has been far less than had been expected as a result of the discussions in Ottawa. It is hoped that the Commissioners will use the group session meetings in Harare to fully involve themselves in the development of the chapters, conclusions and recommendations.

Editing and Publication of the Advisory Panel Reports

7. Work was begun on the editing and publication of the Advisory Panel Reports immediately following the meeting in Ottawa. Several hundred pre-publication copies of the edited versions of each report were prepared and distributed to key governments, agencies, institutes and individuals seeking their views on the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports. Commercial publication in English of the Energy and Food Security Reports by Zed Books of London has been arranged for the fall of this year and discussions are still proceeding with them on the publication of the Industry Report and other language versions.

Meetings and Consultations since the Canada Meeting

8. Consultations with governments, ministers, industrial leaders, senior officials and NGO's have continued since the Canada Meeting:
 - The Chairman has met with and written to the Foreign Minister of China concerning the work of the Commission and the possibility of the government of China hosting one of the Commission's presentation meetings in Beijing immediately following the Tokyo meeting. The Chairman has also delivered three important speeches concerning the Commission, one of which was a major statement to youth and she has

given several important interviews to the international press and T.V. Immediately prior to her departure for Harare, the Chairman will be meeting with Prime Minister Thatcher and will use the occasion to discuss the work of the Commission and environmental issue in general.

- The Vice-Chairman and the Secretary attended the OAU Ministerial and Heads of State Summit in Addis Ababa in July and during their stay were able to hold briefing meetings on the work of the Commission with the Heads of State of Botswana, Kenya, Mali, Sierra Leone and Sudan, with the foreign ministers of Algeria, Botswana, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Egypt, the Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe and with the Assistant Secretary General of UNIDO, the Executive Secretary of the ECA and the Secretary Generals of UNCTAD and UNESCO. In furtherance of these meetings, the Prime Minister of Sudan has agreed to request the OAU to place the Commission's Final Report on the Agenda for presentation to the assembled Heads of State at next year's Summit and the Governments of Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, Zaire and Zimbabwe have agreed to support that request.
- The Vice-Chairman also delivered one of the key note speeches at the 18th World Congress of the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia on September 10, 1986
- On his return from Canada, the Secretary General had meetings with the Rene Dubos Society to work out the program for an NGO conference they are holding in the Spring of 1987 on the Commission's Final Report. He also attended the meeting of the Legal Experts Group held in June in Hague, represented the Commission at the recent meeting of the U.N. Designated Official for Environmental Matters (DOEM's) in Geneva and has had consultative meetings with Dr. Mostafa Tolba, IIED and senior government officials from Canada, Denmark, Japan and Sweden.
- The Secretary General and various Commissioners, including Commissioners Marino de Botero, Salim, Singh and Strong, participated in the World Conservation Strategy Follow-Up Conference held in Ottawa immediately following the Commission's meeting in Canada.
- Commissioners Ruckelshaus and Sahnoun provided a briefing on the Commission to Congressional and Senatorial staffers in Washington in July. The meeting held under the sponsorship of the Environment

and Energy Study Institute and the Environment and Energy Study Conference.

- During his recent visit to Africa, the Secretary met and held briefings on the Commission with NGO and government representatives in Kenya, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Relations with IIPC

9. Discussions and dialogue between the Commission and the IIPC have continued since the Canada meeting. Copies of all written submissions presented to the Commission during its Canadian meeting have been provided to the IIPC. To facilitate the discussions between the Commission and the IIPC at the Consultative Meeting in Nairobi and to permit the governments of the IIPC to express their views on the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Final Reports of the Advisory Panels, pre-publications copies of each of those reports have been made available to all IIPC member governments. During his recent trip to Nairobi, the Secretary met with the Chairman of the IIPC and the members of its Bureau to brief them on the progress of the Commission's work and work out the arrangements and agenda for the joint consultative meeting in Nairobi. A copy of the agreed agenda for the consultative meeting in Nairobi and a brief background note on the meeting will be made available in Harare to all Commissioners attending that meeting prior to their departure for Nairobi. The Secretary General has met with Dr. Tolba to discuss the joint consultative meeting between the Commission and the IIPC and the arrangements for the translation of the Commission's Final Report into the official U.N. languages.

Staff Changes

10. An up-to-date list of the members of the Secretariat and their functions is attached to this report as Annex I. You should note that since the Canada meeting four members of the staff have left, two Programme Planning Officers, Janos Pasztor and Vitus Fernando and two members of the support staff, Mrs. Teresa Harmand and Miss Tamara Dunn. We have also added a member of the support staff and engaged an editor for the Final Report, Miss Linda Starke.
11. Shortly after the Harare meeting, another Programme Officer, Ms. Shimwayi Muntemba will be leaving the staff and by mid-November, the Director of Public Information, Mr. Peter Stone will depart. Between now and the time of his departure, Peter Stone will be devoting his time to specific publishing assignments for the Commission.
12. In that regard, it should be noted that we have been giving a great deal of thought to the Commission's public information programme between now and the U.N. General

Assembly debate in the fall of 1987; and our proposals on the content of that programme are set out in the document circulated to you in August (WCED/86/CRD 5). We are currently in the process of determining how best the work required to accomplish the objectives in that programme can be handled and identifying the individual(s) who can best provide the talents we need to achieve them. Until we have made those decisions, we shall be using short term consultants to assist the Secretariat with press work and speech writing. One of these, Mr. Paul Ress, will be handling the press work for the Harare and Nairobi meetings and will be with the Commission in Africa.

Fundraising and Budgetary Matters

13. As mentioned previously, fundraising efforts have continued since the Canada meeting; and we have succeeded in obtaining an additional \$422,000 of pledges for the Commission's work: \$100,000 from NORAD, \$100,000 from Denmark, \$122,000 from Switzerland and \$100,000 from the U.S.S.R. (which represents the approximate costs of the travel, accommodation and conference services and facilities which will be provided for the Moscow meeting). Our projected shortfall for the remainder of the Commission's operations is now \$1.4 million. With the Chairman's help we are working to secure adequate funds to cover this amount. Decisions are expected shortly on our funding request to the Carnegie, Alton Jones and Krupp Foundations; we are also awaiting final decisions on funding requests to Finland, Spain, Portugal and the E.E.C.; and in the course of the next few months fundraising visits will also be made to key European governments who have not as yet pledged funds to the Commission, notably Austria, Belgium, France, Italy and the U.K.
14. A more detailed report on the current financial situation of the Commission, its fundraising efforts to date and its projected expenditures and income can be found in the paper on Budgetary and Financial Matters (WCED/86/24)

Future Commission Meeting

15. Arrangements for the Commission's future meetings in Moscow and Tokyo have progressed; and I can confirm that the Moscow meeting will take place during the period from December 4 - 12, 1986. Exact details on the program for Moscow will be worked between the Secretariat and the relevant officials in Moscow shortly after the meeting in Harare. The dates for the Tokyo meeting have also now been agreed for the period between February 23 - 28, 1987.

COMMISSION SECRETARIAT
Status Report : September 1986

Annex I

I. PROFESSIONALS

<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Areas of Responsibility</u>
Mr. J. MacNeill (Canada)	Secretary General	
Mr. N. Desai (India)	Senior Economic Adviser	International Economic Relations
Mr. K. Kato (Japan)	Programme Director	Energy and Industry
Mr. W.H. Lindner (USA)	Secretary of the Commission and Director of Administration	Administration
Mr. P. Stone** (UK)	Director	Information
Mr. B. Gosovic (Yugoslavia)	Senior Programme Officer	Economics, Trade
Ms. S. Muntemba* (Zambia)	Senior Programme Officer	Food Security, Agriculture, Forestry and Environment
Ms. L. Starke (USA)	Editor	Final Report
Ms. E. Surber*** (Switzerland)	Finance and Admin. Officer	Personnel, Finance

* Departing mid-October
** Departing mid-November
*** Departing end-September

II. GENERAL SERVICE STAFF

<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mrs. B. Baker (Germany/UK)	Secretary to the Secretary General
Ms. C. Mayhew (Zimbabwe)	Secretary
Ms. E. Permato (Philippines)	Secretary/Press Assistant
Ms. G. Quesada (Honduras)	Secretary
Ms. E. Salvador (Philippines)	Secretary
Mr. S. Vanderwert (Sri Lanka)	Photocopy/Messenger

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III. SPECIAL ADVISORS

Prof. E. Ayensu (Ghana)	Special Advisor	Food Security, Agriculture, Forestry and Environment
Mr. G. Corea (Sri Lanka)	Special Advisor	Trade
Dr. G. Goodman (UK)	Special Advisor	Energy, Environment and Development
Dr. J.-J. Holst (Norway)	Special Advisor	to Chairman, Security and Environment - Oslo Office
Dr. A. Khosla Decision Support Systems, Industry	(India)	Special Advisor
Mr. R.D. Munro (Canada)	Special Advisor	International Cooperation
Mr. O. Segond (Switzerland)	Special Advisor	Youth

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